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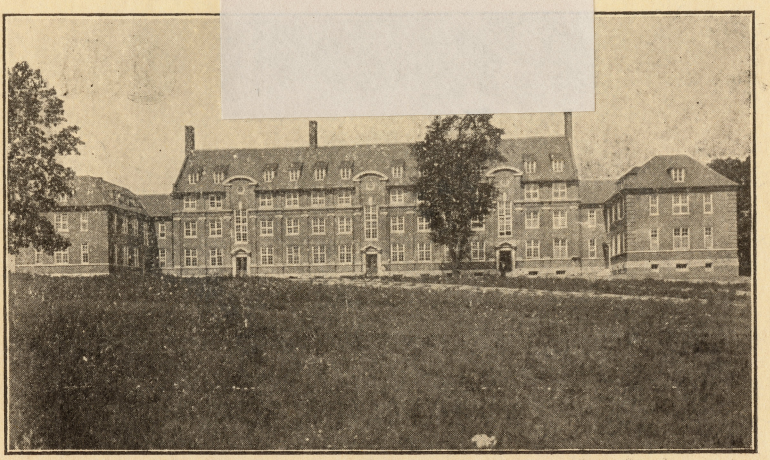

Calvert Hall

Spacious Dormitories in which the ministers will have their quarters

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Resolution

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT 1914 CONFERENCE

"RESOLVED that we desire to have another Country Life Conference next year, to be modeled after this one and the expenses to be borne by ourselves. Further be it resolved, that a Summer School of one week's length be held in conjunction with the Conference."

Announcement

of

Rural

Country Life School and Country Life Conference

for Maryland Ministers

(Some of the Speakers of the 1914 Conference)

Held under the Auspices of the Maryland Agricultural College

College Park, Md.

Echoes from Last Year's Conference

"It was one of the most profitable gatherings of our lifetime."—DR. WARD PLATT, *in The Home Mission & Church Extension Quarterly Bulletin of the M. E. Church.*

"I must congratulate you on the success of the Conference, in every way. The program was great, the spirit of fellowship fine, and the entertainment all that one could wish. You understand, that means ME for 1915."—REV. GEO. HINES, *Snow Hill, Md.*

"The program could not have been better and the entertainment was all that one could desire. The Conference was both very helpful and pleasant, and I believe, will result in much good."—REV. J. L. BARNHART, *Baltimore, Md.*

"I take this method of expressing my appreciation of, and gratitude for the splendid entertainment received at the Country Life Conference. Am sure that everyone was greatly benefited and left with a conviction of their duties and responsibilities as leaders and teachers that they had not realized before, and with a greater knowledge and ability to perform them."—REV. JOHN T. CHASE, *Sweet Air, Md.*

"Language is inadequate to express the values, individually and socially, to every minister and his church, coming under the inspiration of the Country Life Movement, the interdenominational fellowship, and the College's superb entertainment. It was the finest statesmanship, the best brand of religion, and an enterprising educational venture. I, for one, am ready to return another year."—REV. GEO. W. RICE, *Lanham, Md.*

"I want to congratulate you again most heartily on the splendid success of your industry. Without exaggeration, that was one of the finest conferences I have ever attended."—MISS ANNA B. TAFT, *New York, N. Y.*

"I congratulate you on this fine contribution to the forces for Righteousness, which will build up rural Maryland. I congratulate the churches on this new enforcement of power, which in so sane a fashion will help them to solve their problems."—DR. E. L. WATSON, *Dist. Supt. M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md.*

The Country Life School and Conference for Maryland Ministers

THE WHY

The Country Life School is largely the result of two desires—the desire of the College to be of the greatest possible help to the farming communities of the State, and the desire of ministers to get into closer touch with the farmer's problems.

The minister is appealed to because he is considered the KEY to community betterment.

So the aim is to afford such training as is most needed by him, and at such a time, and in such a manner that he may take advantage of it.

Besides the acquisition of facts there is also the inspiration and encouragement that comes from comradeship and team work with fellow ministers of all denominations, and with leaders who are pointing out the way to better things.

The College wants to aid the minister in obtaining

More facts

More *useful* facts

Better deductions from the facts

More cooperation in putting into practice the lessons which they teach,—

in order that a vigorous and happy farm and community life may be developed everywhere.

THE WHO

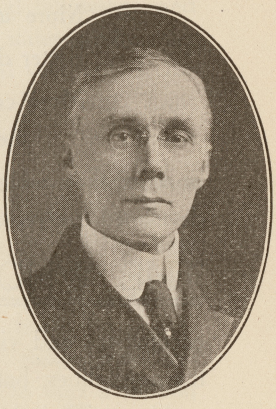
As a glance at the program will show, the speakers and leaders are men and women of varied occupations and view-points. Each one of them appreciates not only the possibilities, but also the limitations and difficulties of the minister's position. Their bird's-eye view of affairs causes them to dream, but their experience with specific problems makes them *practical* dreamers.

The Leaders of the Conference

Rev. Moses Breeze is a Wisconsin minister who has brought more than one hundred churches up to financial self-support—churches which had been helped by Home Mission Boards on an average of twenty-five years each. In one year, he thus aided forty-two struggling churches. The church which he served as pastor was a country church, eight miles from a railway. When he went to it, it was thirty-three years old, and had thirty members. Today, that same church pays a salary of $1,750, has an equipment worth $25,000, and gives an average of $1,000 per year to the missions.

Dr. Breeze came to this country as an immigrant in 1892, landing in New York with $5.10 in his pocket, and made his way to the University of Wisconsin, where he worked his way through. He was for fifteen years, pastor of a country church, which has become noted throughout the land. He distinguished himself while in the University, as a half-back on the football team, and today is leading financial campaigns for churches. He is a special representative of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

He has been special lecturer at Auburn Theological Seminary Summer School, Summer School of the University of Wisconsin, Ames Agricultural School in Iowa, Summer School in the University of Oregon, and at many other places. He not only DOES things, but he can TELL HOW he DOES them, in an entertaining and forceful manner. He lives up to both ends of his name, and then some.



Dr. Ward Platt, of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Philadelphia, is a man of wide experience and unusual breadth of view. Many years in the field, and over eight years with the Board of Home Missions, supply him with facts and the ability to reach a satisfactory conclusion as to the feasibility of proposed changes in church affairs. He is at present one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Board, and is in great demand as a speaker, lecturer, and adviser on Country Life problems.

At last year's Conference, he charmed everyone by his genial cosmopolitanism and whole-souled optimism.

The country above all, needs better business methods.—Sir Horace Plunkett.

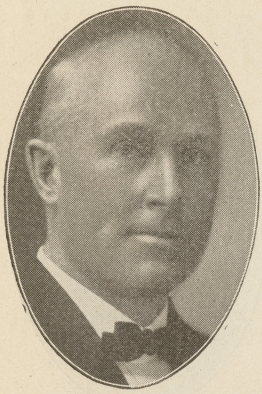
The Rev. S. U. Mitman, Ph. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Religious Education of the Province of Washington, in the Episcopal Church, is an educator of high personal gifts, long training, and wide experience. For many years he was Chaplain of Lehigh University and has been trained both in this country and in Europe in the most modern education principles and methods.

His specialty is religious education, particularly through the agency of the Sunday-Schools. The Province of Washington includes the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Dr. Mitman visits the teachers and Sunday-Schools of this large and varied section of the eastern states, the larger portion of his time being given to small Sunday-Schools in rural regions, small towns and villages, and he has had in consequence, exceptionaal opportunities to study the problems of country neighborhoods and the best methods of solving them.

In the Summer Schools which he has conducted, Dr. Mitman has had much and successful experience in training and inspiring clergymen, Sunday-School teachers, and other church leaders. His addresses should be of great value to all.

Miss Anna B. Taft is assistant to Dr. Warren H. Wilson, of the Department of Church and Country Life of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. To the ministers who attended last year's Conference she needs no introduction. The practical and forceful manner in which she says worth while things makes her a favorite with all. Within the past few years she has filled a large place as a lecturer before colleges, assemblies, and summer schools. She has been a religious worker in the country fields and knows the problem from actual contact. Much of her effort lately has been given to assisting Dr. Wilson in making surveys in many counties and states, one of which was that in Montgomery County, Maryland. Both as a writer and speaker, Miss Taft is charming and convincing. Among the leaders of the Country Life Movement, she is closely associated with those who are influencing the whole country.

"The demand is that the country minister shall understand rural life, and when he does that sympathetically he will gather to the church new support."—Rev. W. L. Anderson, Author, "The Country Town."



Dr. H. J. Patterson, President of the Maryland Agricultural College, who will deal with the economic phases of country life, has made a life study of agricultural conditions and their improvement in this State. Since 1898, he has been Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, in which position he has had wide-spread influence in fostering improved methods of farming and more intelligent production throughout the rural districts. He recently retired from the office of Master of the Maryland State Grange after a number of years of constructive service in which that organization has shown a marked efficiency in voicing the demands of our farmers and in meeting through its local branches the social and educational needs of their neighborhoods. Probably, no one man is better fitted to deal with questions relating to the country life of Maryland or has more faith in the opportunities open to our country minister for the upbuilding of our communities.

Gauged by the standard of accomplishments, Mr. George H. Stevenson, of Faulkner, Md., ranks high among those working for better organization of farm life. He had charge of the Educational Department for the two National Corn Expositions held in Omaha, 1908 and 1909. He was Secretary and General Manager of the National Corn Exposition held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1910 and at Columbia, South Carolina, 1913. It was thru his efforts and under his direction that the National Corn Exposition was changed from a general "Show" to a great educational exposition for the farmer. He has proved his love for the farm by turning down several flattering offers from State Fairs to help in reorganization. As he puts it, "*Somebody* has to stay with the cows."

In the "Country Fair for the Countryman" the Conference will hear a discussion of a matter sorely needing attention in Maryland, by a man most ably qualified to speak with authority.

One great proof to me that the Church is divine, is that it stays on the earth and does business with so little business ability evident in it.—Moses Breeze.

J. E. Metzger, Professor of Agricultural Education at the Maryland Agricultural College is State Supervisor of Agriculture in High Schools.

After graduating at the Pennsylvania State College, he spent a number of years in Minnesota as Director of Agriculture in a State High School and as a member of the State Summer School force.

Professor Metzger came to Maryland in 1914 and has since then been actively engaged in the Rural school work of this State. He is Director of the Summer School for teachers. He has published a bulletin on the teaching of agriculture in the Maryland High Schools, and is at present directing the preparation of a series of lessons in Agriculture for the elementary schools of the State.

F. B. Bomberger, Dean of the Division of Rural Economics and Sociology, has been on the Faculty of the Maryland Agricultural College for eighteen years. He received his training at the Maryland Agricultural College and Cornell University. He has been, for a number of years, a student of the Economic and Sociological problems connected with rural life and conditions. He has addressed many Conferences, Farmers' Institutes, Granges and other organizations having in view the betterment of rural life.

The subjects of Agricultural Credit and Rural Organization have, of late, received his especial attention.

In Massachusetts we have made an investigation of one hundred smaller towns, classified as one, two, and three church towns. Ministers salaries decline from $842 in the average one church town to $483 in the three church town.—Rev. Edward T. Root, Secretary Massachusetts Federation of Churches.

Mrs. W. E. Callender is a minister's wife who is thoroughly alive to all the duties and responsibilities which fall to the lot of a clergyman's helpmate. She takes an active part in many organizations, being President of the Daughters of Founders and Patrons of America, a Councillor in the National Zoological Society and a member of the Virginia Colonial Dames. She has been, for a number of years, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of her church at Kensington, Maryland, and is now a member of the Boards of the Episcopal Hospital and the Episcopal Children's Hospital at Washington, D. C.

Folger McKinsey, better known as the Bentztown Bard, is a man who is a veritable fountain of faith, in God and in man. His poems are spontaneous and graceful outpourings of thoughts that entertain and sweeten. They are of the hearth, mother love, childish troubles, the heroism of daily life, and of common things.

But why an introduction to a man whose poems make him "Maryland's favorite living poet." His poems have lifted up and given the far-away perspective that alone can smooth present trials and troubles. Every minister should go with him to "Childhood Town." It is a most delightful trip.

Mrs. Henry J. Finley, M. D., of Washington, D. C., has the distinction of having opened the doors of George Washington University to women, and of having received the first degree ever given to a woman at that institution. Her training as a physician has caused her to be especially interested in questions of public health. She is Vice-President of the Montgomery County Social Service League, which supports a visiting nurse, who does a great work in combating consumption. She is also President of the Georgetown Industrial Center, Leader of the Steadfast Prayer Circle of a Washington church, and Secretary of the Rockville Union Bible class, all of which organizations are doing excellent work for mankind. The question of County Institutions is one with which she is thoroughly familiar.

Let us have a platform broad enough and high enough for all to stand on without any man giving up his convictions.—Dr. A. S. Hobart, Crozer Theological Seminary.

COUNTRY LIFE SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE FACULTY.

Special Lecturers.

L. B. Flohr, Investigator in Marketing and Distribution, Office of Markets and Rural Organization, U. S. Dept. Agr.

O. B. Martin, Asst. in charge of Demonstration Club Work. U. S. Dept. of Agr.

Miss Anne M. Evans, Investigator in Women's Rural Organizations, Office of Markets and Rural Organization, U. S. Dept. of Agr.

Miss Mary P. Farr, Member of State Library Commission and Secretary of the Enoch Pratt Traveling Library.

Miss E. S. Jacobs, Director of Domestic Science, Washington, D. C. Schools.

Mr. Warren D. Foster, Dept. Editor of the Youths Companion.

Mr. Arthur G. Turner, on the staff of the Baltimore News.

From The Maryland Agricultural College and Experiment Station Staffs.

Prof W. T. L. Taliaferro, Acting Dean of the Division of Agr.

Dr. H. B. McDonnell, Dean of the Division of Applied Science, and State Chemist.

Mr. Nickolas Schmitz, Agronomist.

Mr. S. B. Shaw, Pomologist, Extension Service.

Prof. H. Beckenstrater, Pomologist—State Hort. Dept.

Prof. E. N. Cory, Associate Entomologist.

Prof. R. H. Ruffner, Dairy Husbandry.

Mr. C. E. Wolcott, in charge of Dairy Investigations, U. S. Dept. Agr.

Dr. S. S. Buckley, in charge of Hog Anti-Cholera Serum Control.

Mr. R. H. Waite, in charge Poultry Investigations.

Prof. C. L. Kah, Instructor, in Electrical Engineering and Physics.

Prof. J. B. S. Norton, State Pathologist.

The farmers in the open country during the past sixteen years have made more than one thousand experiments in consolidating rural schools. Not five per cent of the two or three hundred thousand parents who have had experience in sending their children both to the one room rural school and to the consolidated rural school would vote to return to the smaller unit.—Hon. W. M. Hays.

Prof. H. L. Crisp, Associate Prof. in Mechanical Engineering.

Prof. B. W. Anspon, Associate Prof. of Hort. and Landscape Gardening.

Prof. E. F. Stoddard, Vegetable Culture.

Mr. G. P. Springer, Instructor in Civil Engineering and Mathematics.

Prof. T. B. Symons, Dean of Horticultural Department and Director Agricultural Extension Department.

Mr. G. H. Alford, State Agent in charge of Demonstration Work.

Miss K. E. Pritchett, Director of Domestic Science and Extension Service.

Mr. Reuben Brigham, Assistant State Agent in charge of Boys' Club Work.

THE HOW

The Country Life School will be conducted as an ordinary school, abundant opportunities to ask questions being afforded. This will give each man an opportunity to acquire knowledge of practical and immediate use to him in his locality. Practical field, laboratory and demonstration work, is given in each of the agricultural branches.

The Conference at its first session will select a committee on Summary, whose purpose will be to gather together the best, emphasize it, and preserve it as a basis for work. Half the time is set aside for discussions, in which all are free to take part. The sub-topics under each topic are merely "suggestors."

The "Opening of the Question Box" on Thursday should give opportunity for the consideration of matters not germane to the other topics. The questions should be in by noon on Thursday in order that the leader may have time to select those of greatest interest for discussion.

"A "Country Life Bookshelf," containing all the worth while books will be on exhibit during the Conference. Exhibits of various other natures will also be made, in order that the "eye" may aid the "ear."

Any unusual charts depicting certain phases of the work, or any books of special value, will be welcomed. In this manner "good things may be passed around."

BRING THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU.

PROGRAM OF COUNTRY LIFE SCHOOL.

MONDAY, JULY 26, 1915.

2.00— 2.30—Welcome.....Dr. H. J. Patterson.
2.30— 3.30—Cooperation in Rural Life....Prof. F. B. Bomberger.

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1915.

8.15— 9.15—The Old Fashioned Country Church
Miss Anna B. Taft.

9.15—10.15—The Economic Characteristics of the Agricultural Industry—Prof. F. B. Bomberger.

10.15—11.15—Soils and Drainage.....Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro.

11.15—12.15—Rural Sanitation....(By an expert in Sanitation to be designated later.)

LUNCHEON.

1.15— 2.15—In the Farm Kitchen.....Miss E. S. Jacobs.
2.15— 3.15—Concrete on the Farm.....Prof. G. P. Springer.
3.15— 4.15—Field Work in Soils and Drainage.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1915.

8.15— 9.15—The Rural Awakening.....Miss Anna B. Taft.
9.15—10.15—The Development of Modern Agriculture—
Prof. Bomberger.
10.15—11.15—Fertilizers .....Dr. Patterson.
11.15—12.15—Fertilizer, Feed and Lime Inspection..Dr. McDonnell.

12.15—LUNCHEON—1.15.

1.15— 2.15—Marketing by Parcel Post.....L. B. Flohr.
2.15— 3.15—Lime in Agriculture.....Nickolas Schmitz.
3.15— 4.15—Field Work in Lime and Fertilizers.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1915.

8.15— 9.15—Household and Homestead.....Miss Taft.
9.15—10.15—Development of American Agriculture. Prof. Bomberger.
10.15—11.15—Orchard Fruits.....Prof. Shaw.
11.15—12.15—Small Fruits.....Prof. Beckenstrater.

LUNCHEON.

1.15— 2.15—Women's Rural Organizations.....Miss Evans.
2.15— 3.15—Insect Pests.....Prof. Cory.
3.15— 4.15—Field Work in Spraying.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1915.

8.15— 9.15—The Rural School.....Miss Taft.
9.15—10.15—Factors in Agricultural Development. Prof. Bomberger.
10.15—11.15—Mothers and Patrons Clubs.....Prof. Metzger.
11.15—12.15—Live Stock on the Farm.....Prof. Ruffner.

LUNCHEON.

1.15— 2.15—Herd Testing and Dairy Profits.....Prof. Wolcott.
2.15— 3.15—Hog Cholera and Its Control.....Dr. Buckley.
3.15— 4.15—Field Work in Live Stock.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1915.

8.15— 9.15—Recreation for the Countryside.....Miss Taft.
9.15—10.15—Management as a Factor in Agricultural Production—Prof. Bomberger.
10.15—11.15—Electricity on the Farm.....Prof. Kah.
11.15—12.15—Athletics and Amusements—Boy Scouts..Mr. Foster.

LUNCHEON.

1.15— 2.15—Boys' and Girls' Clubs.....Dr. Martin.
2.15— 3.15—Poultry .....Prof. Waite.
3.15— 4.15—Field Work in Poultry.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1915.

8.15— 9.15—The Church and the Transient.....Miss Taft.

9.15—10.15—The Distribution of the Agricultural Income—Prof. Bomberger.

10.15—11.15—Farm Management.....Prof. Taliaferro.

11.15—12.15—Plant Disease in Farm and Garden....Prof. Norton.

LUNCHEON.

1.15— 2.15—Home and School—How They Help Each Other—Dr. Mitman.

2.15— 3.15—Legumes as Farm Builders.....Prof. Taliaferro.

3.15— 4.15—Field Work in Farm Crops.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1915.

8.15— 9.15—The Church and the Community.....Miss Taft.

9.15—10.15—Organization of Rural Interests.....Prof. Bomberger.

10.15—11.15—Farm Water Systems.....Prof. Crisp.

11.15—12.15—Landscape Gardening.....Prof. Anspon.

LUNCHEON.

1.15— 2.15—The Bible as an Element in Social Progress—Dr. Mitman.

2.15— 3.15—The Farm Garden.....Prof. Stoddard.

3.15— 4.15—Field Work in Vegetable Gardening.

PROGRAM OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1915.

9.30— 9.40—Opening Exercises.

9.40— 9.50—Address of Welcome.....Dr. H. J. Patterson.

9.50—10.00—Election of Chairman. Adoption of Rules Governing Discussions and Appointment of Committees.

10.00—10.30—THE LAW AND GOSPEL OF COOPERATION —Anna B. Taft.

10.30—11.00—THE COUNTRY CHURCH AS A COMMUNITY CENTER—Dr. Breeze.

11.00—11.30—Discussion:

(1) The Religious Message of Cooperation.
(2) Getting Together in Business.
(3) The Church Supervising the Community Recreationally, Federationally, and Educationally.

11.30—12.00—THE COUNTRY FAIR FOR THE COUNTRYMAN—Geo. H. Stevenson.

12.00—12.30—Discussion.

(1) Educational Fairs vs. Gentlemen's Driving Clubs.
(2) School Exhibits.
(3) Farm Crop and Farm Machinery Exhibits.
(4) Live Stock Exhibits.

LUNCHEON.

1.30— 3.15—THE RURAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL— Dr. S. U. Mitman.

—Discussion:

(1) Grading of the Small School.
(2) Training of Teachers.
(3) Home Cooperation.

3.15— 3.30—THE PROPER USE OF THE NEWSPAPER BY THE CHURCH.—Arthur G. Turner.

(Mr. Turner will bring with him an exhibit showing what is being accomplished along that line.)

3.30— 4.30—AGRICULTURE.

Discussions led by members of the College Faculty, who are specialists in each line.

Soils.
Fertilizers.
Animal Husbandry.

—Excursion Over Experiment Station Farm.

— 8.00—A JOURNEY TO CHILDHOOD TOWN.—Folger McKinsey. (The Bentztown Bard.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1915.

8.45— 9.00—Opening Exercises.

9.00— 9.30—RURAL SURVEYS.....Miss Taft.

9.30—10.00—Discussion:

(1) What is a Survey?
(2) Territorial Surveys. Community Studies.
(3) The Use and Value of a Survey.

10.00—10.30—THE CHURCH'S DUTY TO COUNTY INSTITUTIONS—Mrs. H. J. Finley.

10.30—10.50—Discussion:

(1) Have ministers any responsibility as to the care given dependents or prisoners.
(2) How should dependent children be cared for?
(3) Has the church any responsibility in obtaining and paying for a trained Community Nurse.
(4) Is the segregation of Tuberculosis cases and the maintenance of a Hospital for each a church duty?

10.50—11.20—THE MARYLAND RURAL SCHOOL—Prof. J. E. Metzger.

11.20—11.50—Discussion:

(1) Is the Rural School a Laggard?
(2) Tests of a Good Rural School.
(3) The Patron and the School.

11.50—12.30—RURAL CREDITS.....Prof. F. B. Bomberger.

LUNCHEON.

1.30— 2.10—DOING THE BUSINESS OF THE KINGDOM IN A BUSINESSLIKE WAY.—Dr. M. Breeze

2.10— 2.50—Discussion:

(1) The Financial Side.
(2) The Spiritual Side.
(3) Methods in Church Finance.
(4) Systematic vs. Spasmodic Giving.
(5) Honesty in Money Matters in the Church.

2.50— 3.30—OPENING OF QUESTION BOX.—Dr. Platt, presiding.

3.30— 4.30—AGRICULTURE.

(1) Horticulture.
(2) Poultry Raising.
(3) Road Building.

8.00— —Popular Lecture or Entertainment.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1915.

8.45— 9.00—Opening Exercises.

9.00— 9.30—THE CHURCH AND PUBLIC WELFARE.—Miss Taft.

9.30—10.00—Discussion:

(1) The relation of the Church to other Community Organizations.
(2) The Leadership of the Church.
(3) The place of the Church in the Ideal Country Community.

10.00—10.30—THE MINISTER'S WIFE.—Mrs. W. E. Callender.

10.30—11.00—Discussion:

(1) What is the extent of her obligation to the women of the Church?
(2) Her place as leader in "After School" education.
(3) Leadership in bettering "Home Life" of the community.

11.00—12.00—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON "BRINGING MISSION CHURCHES UP TO SELF-SUPPORT."—Rev. Moses Breeze.

12.00—12.30—Business Session.

LUNCHEON.

1.30— 3.00—SOURCES OF HELP AND HOW TO USE THEM.

(1) County Conferences on Country Life.
(2) Agricultural Extension Service, T. B. Symons.
(3) Domestic Science Extension Service, Miss K. E. Pritchett.
(4) Grange Organization, R. Brigham.
(5) State and County Agent Work, G. H. Alford.
(6) Circulating Libraries, Miss Farr.
(7) Boards of Health and Sanitation, S. J. Fort.
(8) State and County Road Engineers.
(9) The National Departments.
(10) The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

Report of Committee on Summary.

3.00— 3.30—SOME MESSENGERS OF HOPE, Dr. W. Platt.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION.

The Maryland Agricultural College is located in Prince George's County, Maryland, on the line of the Washington Branch of the B. & O. R. R., eight miles from Washington, and thirty-two miles from Baltimore. At least ten trains a day stop at College Station, thus making the place easily accessible from all parts of the State. Telephone connection is made with the Chesapeake and Potomac lines.

The College grounds front on the Baltimore and Washington Boulevard. The suburban town of Hyattsville is two miles to the south, and Laurel, the largest town in the county, is ten miles to the north on the same road. Access to these towns and to Washington, may be had by steam and electric railway.

The street cars to and from Washington pass the college every half hour. Proximity to the Capitol will make it possible to do some sight-seeing before or after the sessions.

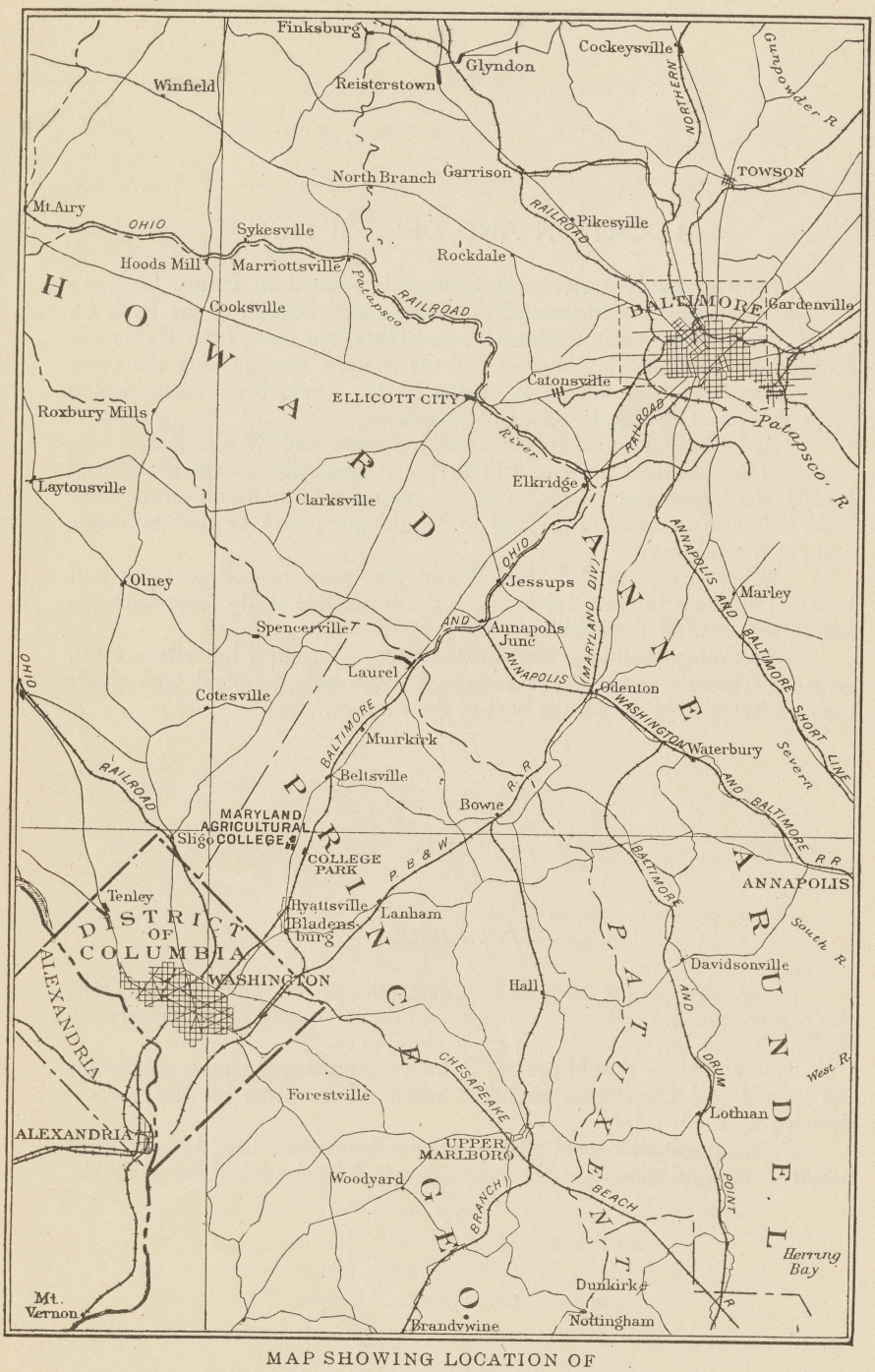
The College buildings are situated upon a beautiful hill where clear, pure air abounds. The large campus is plentifully supplied with shade trees, so acceptable during the heat of the summer.

CAR FARE.

Since ministers are allowed half fare rates by the Baltimore & Ohio, the Pennsylvania, Western Maryland, and the Maryland and Pennsylvania R. R., the trip can be made at very moderate cost.

Every minister should present to his congregation the facts concerning the School and Conference and find means of financing his trip without drawing upon his salary.

A congregation cannot make a better investment than to send their pastor to take advantage of the instruction and inspiration there available.



MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

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ACCOMMODATIONS.

Every convenience which the College possesses will be placed at the command of those who attend the Country Life School and Conference. The new dormitory, Calvert Hall, with its up-to-date equipment and pleasant rooms, will be thrown open for all. The Y. M. C. A. rooms, with piano, victrola, books, magazines and games, will be at the guests' disposal, as will also the library and other buildings on the campus, and the tennis courts near the dormitory.

Everyone will eat together in the large dining-room, thus drawing still closer the bonds of good-fellowship.

All trains will be met and representatives of the College will see that everyone is properly cared for.

REGISTRATION.

Every Maryland minister is urged to lend his aid in making this conference a success. His *presence* will be the first and most necessary aid he can give.

Tho planned primarily for the minister and his wife, the School and Conference will be of interest to everyone concerned with country life problems, and they may, by writing early, engage board and lodging at rates mentioned below.

Those expecting to attend the school should write to Prof. F. B. Bomberger, College Park, Md., and those who plan to attend the Conference should notify B. H. Darrow, College Park, Md., at once in order that ample provision may be made for their entertainment.

COST OF SCHOOL.

The cost of the Country Life School is reduced to a minimum. Board will be at the rate of 25c per meal, or $4 for the first week and $2.40 for the second week. Room rent will cost $1 for the first week and 60c for the second week. A registration fee of $1 will be charged. This limits the total cost to $9.

COST OF CONFERENCE.

No fees—No rent—No board bill.

The visiting ministers will be entertained as the guests of the College at the three-day Conference.

Ministers' wives and interested friends will be welcome. No charge will be made for their rooms but 25 cents per meal will be charged for board.

Everyone is requested to bring blankets, bed linen and towels.

WORKING PROGRAM FOR MARYLAND RURAL MINISTERS

Submitted at the Country Life Conference for Rural Ministers at the Maryland Agricultural College, August, 1914.

Without presuming to present even the most general outline of the addresses which have been delivered before the conference, or of the discussions which followed them, your Committee on Summary suggest the following as a partial working program for the country church, believing that where it is followed the growth and usefulness of the organization will be promoted and life in the country greatly improved.

We recommend, therefore:

1. Laying stress upon the church as a center for the general uplift of the community.
2. The hearty cooperation of churches in the community in order to unite the people in social service.
3. A thorough and comprehensive survey of each community with a view to ascertaining its moral and religious condition.
4. Such open and dignified methods in raising and expending church funds as will tend toward creating a keen sense of obligation to support adequately the local and general interests of the church.
5. Such an adaptation of rural schools to the education and training of young men and women as will prepare them for contented living in the country.
6. Leadership in social recreation so as to promote the moral development of the community.
7. Improvement in living conditions, especially in securing a Saturday half holiday for agricultural laborers, with a view to conserving the higher interests of all the people.
8. The introduction of modern conveniences into the home in order to reduce, as far as possible, the tiresome drudgery incident to housekeeping, and a fair division of the family income among all whose efforts produce it.
9. Special ministry to children, wage earners and tenant farmers.
10. The teaching of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, all the time and in every community.

Let our motto for the year be: "Christ for every life and all life."

BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO THE STUDENT OF COUNTRY LIFE.

"The Country Town," Wilbert L. Anderson, Baker Taylor Co. . . $1.00

"The Day of the Country Church," J. O. Ashenhurst, Funk & Wagnalls 1.00

"The Country Life Movement," L. H. Bailey, The Macmillan Co. 1.00

*"Story of John Frederick Oberlin," A. F. Beard, The Pilgrim Press 1.25

"Chapters in Rural Progress," Kenyon L. Butterfield, University of Chicago Press 1.00

*"The Country Church and the Rural Problem," Kenyon L. Butterfield, University of Chicago Press 1.08

"Principles of Rural Economics," T. N. Carver, Ginn & Co. . . . 1.25

"The American Rural School," H. W. Foght, Macmillan Co. . . . 1.25

"The Rural Life Problem of the U. S.," Sir Horace Plunkett, The Macmillan Co 1.25

"Community Study for Country Districts," Anna B. Taft, Missionary Education Movement 35

"The Church of the Open Country," Warren H. Wilson, Missionary Education Movement 50

"Quaker Hill," Warren H. Wilson, Privately Printed 1.00

"Report of the Country Live Commission," Sturgis & Walton 75

*"The Challenge of the Country," Geo. Walter Fiske, Associated Press 75

"The Country Church," Chas. O. Gill and Gifford Pinchot, The Macmillan Co. 1.25

"Solving the Country Church Problem," Garland A. Bricker, Eaton & Mains 1.25

*"The Rural Church Movement," Edwin L. Earp, Association Press, N. Y. 75

*"Farmers of Forty Centuries," King, Association Press, N. Y. . . . 2.50

*"The Teens and the Rural Sunday-School," Alexander, Association Press. 50

NOTE:—Those marked with * make an especially good group for the country minister.

HITS AT RANDOM.

Labor saving devices will not save the farmer's wife from drudgery. The fireless cooker means that she can work all the time at some other line of work, unless we make her see the value of social life, of play life with other women. I say she ought to join a union and work eight hours a day.—*Anna B. Taft.*

First, we must have in Maryland and elsewhere schools for all our children, so that every child will have an equal opportunity with every other child to develop all the manhood and womanhood qualities which God and nature have made possible.—*P. P. Claxton, Ph. D., U. S. Com. of Education.*

We should all try to get closer together, and just such conferences as this is the hope of Christianity today. It is the only hope, and sometimes I think that our modern Christianity is almost an opoch in Christianity, and the only hope of conquering the world is for our young men to try to get rid of denominationalism and sectarianism, wherever it may be. —*Dr. Ward Platt.*

In some communities, the first factor towards making your church a success may be in getting better roads radiating out from your church center; for we all know people will not come to church at seasons of the year when the roads are impassable, and if they do get to church, they are not in a humor to enjoy a spiritual service. So that the man who said that better means of travel while on earth will make better means of travel hereafter, has certainly said a great truth.—*Dr. H. J. Patterson.*

There are many farmers like the husband of the woman who once said to me, "My husband's pocketbook is made of pigskin, and every time he opens it, it squeals."—*Anna B. Taft.*

The country church has become decadent where it has ceased to stir its community; and it may find its largest life aim in the broadest kind of sacrificial service. To do this the church must furnish the opportunity for the public to worship in simplicity, sincerity, impressiveness and truth. It must perform the priestly function of mediating between God and man, until in the Holy place men feel the hush and peace and power of God's presence and go away refreshed and inspired for life's duties. Unless man is pure spirit, the work of the church is more than saving souls. A religion which aims merely to save a man's soul, and otherwise neglects him, is superficial and fails to appeal to a whole man's manhood.

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